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### **ORANGE DEMANDS RETRACTION AND APOLOGY FROM NBC-4 FOR FALSE REPORT BROADCAST ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013**

#### ***THE REPORT AND BROADCAST WAS AN INTENTIONAL OUTRIGHT FALSEHOOD***

(WASHINGTON, DC) A week has transpired and no word yet from NBC-4 on how it will address an intentional outright falsehood reported and broadcast by NBC-4 last Wednesday, June 12, 2013. The report was filed and reported on television broadcast by NBC-4 reporter Mark Seagraves.

On Wednesday, June 12, 2013, from the steps of the John A. Wilson Building facing Pennsylvania Avenue, Mark Seagraves intentionally reported, in dramatic fashion, on camera a fictional story about Councilmember Vincent B. Orange, Sr. that was later broadcast on cable television and WRC NBC-4's on-line internet stream. Mr. Seagraves reported the following:

**"As reporters waited outside Vincent Orange's office where his staff said he'd be in meetings all day and be unavailable for comment, the councilmember slipped outside a side door, ran out to his car parked here, and sped off before any reporters could answer any questions."**

"This is an outright falsehood" said Councilmember Orange. I am very disturbed and distraught over this mean and reckless reporting. Moreover, I'm hurt that NBC-4 has not publicly addressed this issue to date. People continue to think I slipped out of a side door that I do not have. Some are now saying I jumped out of a window realizing there is no side door. I am now the butt of jokes. To maliciously say that I ran out to my car and sped off is unbelievable. NBC-4 and Mark Seagraves must be held accountable. Mark Seagraves left a message on my cell phone indicating that if I did not speak to him, he would portray me in this fashion".

See the broadcast here:

<http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/Federal-Prosecutors-Subpoenaed-Councilmember-Vincent-Oranges-Campaign-Records-211282321.html>

James D. Brown, Jr., chief of staff, office of Councilmember Vincent B. Orange, Sr. has communicated several times with NBC-4 Washington including Kathy Snyder, Managing Editor. Today, he sent Ms. Snyder a letter regarding this matter.